

SCAN DESCRIPTION LANGUAGE

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A scan description language (SDL) system and method are
5 provided for managing a scan job. The method comprises: scanning a
document at a scanning device; constructing a scan job using SDL
commands; partially performing the scan job at the scanning device in
response to the SDL commands; and, partially performing the scan job at
a node connected to the scanning device in response to the SDL
10 commands. The scan job can be constructed at a scanning device front
panel, a connected web page, or a client connected to the scanning device.
Likewise, the scan job can be initiated from a front panel of the scanning
device, a connected client, or a connected web page. Further, the scan job
may be partially performed a locally connected client, a network-
15 connected client, a network-connected server, a locally connected server,
another scanning device, or a telephone network-connected client.